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Patent Application of: Passman et al.

Application No.: 09/660521

Art Unit: 2665

Filed: September 12, 2000

Examiner: M. U. Phan

For: USING DIRECT CLUSTER MEMBER TO CLUSTER MEMBER LINKS TO IMPROVE

PERFORMANCE IN MOBILE **COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS**

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2004 (Paper No. 8), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. The time period for response has been extended to November 14, 2004, by the accompanying petition for a two-month extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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